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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: THE TUDOR CLAIM

REFS: (A) STATE 153308, (B) BUCHAREST 3653

1. SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SENATOR LONG DATED JUNE 20 (COPY POUCHED TO EMBASSY/SANDERS) CONCERNING EXTENSION OF MFN UNDER TRADE ACT OF 1974 FOR ROMANIA. SENATOR LONG REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND POSITION CONCERNING RIGHTS OF US CITIZENS TO INHERIT PROPERTY UNDER BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION AND PAYMENT OF PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION UNDER SECTION 502 OF THE TRADE ACT FOR THE NATIONALIZATION, EXPROPRIATION OR OTHER TAKING OF PROPERTY OF US CITIZENS. HE ALSO SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO HIS INTEREST AS WELL AS THAT OF SENATORS GRAVEL AND JAVITS IN JOHN TUDOR CLAIM.

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2. UNLESS IT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH BOGDAN (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN OFFICIAL) IMMEDIATELY TO REQUEST THAT EMBASSY BE PROVIDED ON URGENT BASIS, OFFICIALLY OR INFORMALLY, COPY OF REPORT OF ROMANIAN STATE ACADEMY OF JULY 31, 1975 (SEE PARAGRAPH 4 STATE 153708). EMBASSY SHOULD ASSURE BOGDAN AND GOR THAT PROVISION OF REQUESTED REPORT WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE

TO LEGAL POSITION OF GOR REGARDING THE JOHN TUDOR CLAIM.
IN FACT, IT WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE GOR TO MAKE
COPY AVAILABLE FOR USE BY USG BECAUSE IT WOULD ENABLE
DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT A BALANCED PICTURE OF THE CLAIM
ASSERTED BY JOHN TUDOR BY REFERRING TO OFFICIAL POSITION
OF GOR.

3. IF GOR OBJECTS IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION
CONCERNING JOHN TUDOR CLAIM OFFICIALLY OR DIRECTLY TO USG,
ALTERNATIVELY GOR COULD INSTRUCT ITS NEW YORK ATTORNEYS
IMMEDIATELY TO PROVIDE COPY OF REPORT OF ROMANIAN ACADEMY
DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF URGENT DEADLINE OF
HEARINGS BEFORE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE. NOTWITHSTANDING
REPEATED PAST ASSURANCES BY ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES, NEITHER
DEPARTMENT NOR JOHN TUDOR'S ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL
IN OBTAINING COPY OF REPORT FROM NEW YORK ATTORNEYS FOR
ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. (ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT RECORDS,
NEW YORK ATTORNEYS ARE WOLF, POPPER, ROSS, WOLF AND JONES.)

4. IF GOR IS NOT PREPARED EITHER TO PROVIDE COPY OF
REPORT OF ROMANIAN ACADEMY DIRECTLY TO USG, OR INSTRUCT
ITS NEW YORK ATTORNEYS TO PROVIDE DEPARMTENT WITH COPY,
DEPARTMENT, IN ANY EVENT, INTENDS TO UTILIZE AVAILABLE
GARBLED TEXT BOTH IN RESPONDING TO SENATOR LONG AND IN
PRESENTING ITS VIEWS ON JOHN TUDOR CLAIM IN HEARINGS
BEFORE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON JULY 12.
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5. ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF TEXTS OF DECISION OF THE
ILFOV TRIBUNAL, CIVIL SECTION 6, RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 23,
1946, AND THE CERTIFICATE OF INHERITANCE/SUCCESSION
NO.187/1967 (SEE BUCHAREST 3653) ARE AMONG THE APPENDICES
OF THE REQUESTED ROMANIAN ACADEMY REPORT. IF GOR MAKES
REQUESTED REPORT AVAILABLE, DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO
POINT TO COOPERATION OF GOR IN ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE
LONGSTANDING TUDOR CLAIM, WHICH SHOULD MAKE A FAVORABLE
IMPRESSION ON THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE.

6. PLEASE REPORT PROMPTLY REACTION OF GOR IN ORDER TO
GUIDE DEPARTMENT'S IMMEDIATE COURSE OF ACTION. VANCE

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